

Missouri River

RECOVERY PROGRAM

2008-12

Construction Awards for Shallow Water Habitat

Omaha District exercised Options One and Three on the River Control Structures Modifications, Downstream of Omaha, Nebraska (South) on November 20, 2008, for a total of \$528,430. The contractor is Western Contracting Corporation.

Task Order Number Five, River Control Structures Modifications, Upstream of Omaha, Nebraska (North) was awarded on November 20, 2008, in the dollar amount of \$1,885,360 to Western Contracting Corporation. The notice to proceed was issued on November 21, 2008.

Option One of the Tyson Bend construction contract was exercised on November 21, 2008, in the dollar amount of \$937,270 to Dubuque Barge and Fleeting Service Company.

Real Estate Acquisition

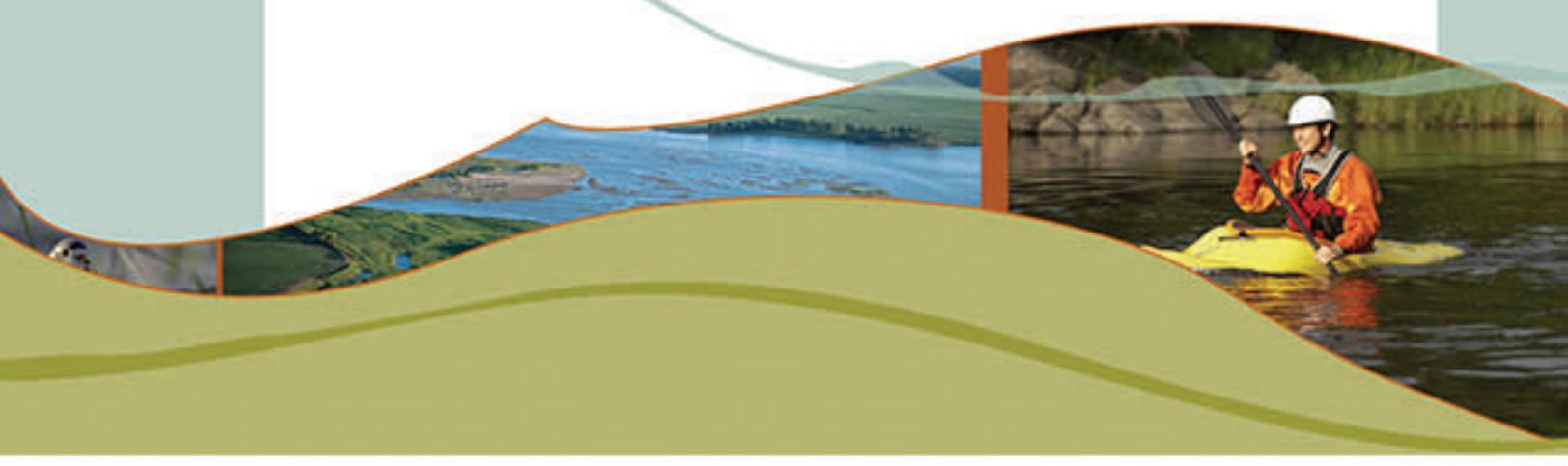
On December 1, 2008, the Recovery Program closed on 237 acres at Bakers Bend, Saline County, Missouri, river miles 281 through 283.

Welcome Aboard!

There are a few new folks on the Recovery Program Team. First, Chance Bitner and Robin Wankum, who have been acting as Implementation Project Managers for Kansas City for the last few months, are now permanently in those positions. Mary Roth is now permanently the MRRIC Project Manager.

Dr. Tim Welker was selected to fill the fishery biologist position within the Integrated Science Program (ISP). Dr. Welker will be filling the position vacated by Mark Drobish and will be working closely with our pallid sturgeon recovery partners while managing the pallid sturgeon population assessment program and the pallid sturgeon population augmentation efforts. Dr. Welker has experience working on the Missouri River with pallid sturgeon during the Benthic Fishes study. Dr. Welker will be transitioning from the US Forest Service Chippewa National Forest to the ISP team in Yankton in December.

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Recovery Program Awards

Every year the Missouri River Recovery Program recognizes team members who have made outstanding contributions to the program. This year, a new category of award, the MRRP Award that is signed by both the Kansas City District and Omaha District Commanders, was added. The following team members were recognized at our annual team meeting:

Commanders Awards:

Chris Horihan—Website, WebEx, PWR database
Marj Jones—Lifetime work for MRRP
Lee McCormick—Outstanding work for MRRP

Achievement Awards:

Dan Pridal—More efficient process for ESH contract awards
Coral Huber—Collaborative Research
Lora Vacca—Real Estate
Mike Daro—Boundary Surveys

MRRP Awards:

Dave Crane—Performance at higher grade; willingness to step up
John Dillon—Work on Rush Bottom
Greg Pavelka—Consistently high performance at job
John Pfenning—Consistently high performance at job
Michael Gossenauer—Consistently high performance at job
Tim Davey—Construction

On the Spot Award:

Tracy Brown—Excellent map product for MRRIC's first meeting in September 2008

